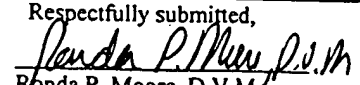


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Case Docket No.: NEURO-NRO-001 CP1CN2

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Shai N. Gozani et al.
For: METHODS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NEUROMUSCULAR
FUNCTION BY F-WAVE LATENCY

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 12 sheets of drawings.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: _____
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status.
- ☐ REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

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Sir:

FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being
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REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/625,502, filed 07/26/2000 by Shai N. Gozani et al. for METHODS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NEUROMUSCULAR FUNCTION BY F-WAVE LATENCY, which patent application is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/270,550, filed 03/16/99, which patent application is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/022,990, filed 02/12/98, which patent application is in turn a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/886,861, filed on 07/01/97.

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1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 09/625,502 (including specification, claims, drawings, a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status, a Preliminary Amendment, and an Information Disclosure Statement as originally filed;
2. An AFFIDAVIT by an attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said pending prior application Serial No. 09/625,502 is a true copy thereof; and
3. A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT which amends the application to show that it is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/625,502; and
4. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on April 30, 2002 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02154-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior application Serial No. 09/625,502.

The Commissioner is also authorized to prepare a certified copy of said prior copending application if the same is deemed to be necessary and to charge the cost of same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

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All communications in this matter should be addressed to:

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Thank you.

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1, please replace the current reference to related applications with the following new reference:

-- Reference To Pending Prior Patent Application

This is a continuation of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/625,502, filed 07/26/2000 by Shai N. Gozani et al. for METHODS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NEUROMUSCULAR FUNCTION BY F-WAVE LATENCY, which patent application is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/270,550, filed 03/16/99, which patent application is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/022,990, filed 02/12/98, which patent application is in turn a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/886,861, filed on 07/01/97. --

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Remarks

As noted in the accompanying REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION, this is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/625,502, filed 07/26/2000 by Shai N. Gozani et al. for METHODS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF NEUROMUSCULAR FUNCTION BY F-WAVE LATENCY, which patent application is in turn a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/270,550, filed 03/16/99, which patent application is in turn a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/022,990, filed 02/12/98, which patent application is in turn a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/886,861, filed on 07/01/97.

The above amendment is intended to make this fact of record in the specification of this continuation application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a continuation of co-pending application U.S.S.N. 09/270,550,
filed March 16, 1999.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to examination, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1 of the specification, line 1, after "The present application is," please
insert --a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/270,550, filed March 16, 1999, which is--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-54 and add the following new claims 55-74 before
calculating the application filing fee.

--55. A method of assessing a physiological function of a peripheral nervous system at a body site of
an individual, comprising the steps of:

- (a) applying a stimulus proximal to the body site of the individual, whereby application of said stimulus stimulates a nerve that traverses said body site and thereby generates an impulse that is conducted by said nerve;
 - (b) detecting a myoelectric potential proximal to said body site of said individual, whereby said myoelectric potential is generated by a muscle in said body site of said individual in response to said impulse, said muscle being in communication with said nerve and said impulse being conducted to said muscle after propagation of said impulse through a spinal cord of said individual;
 - (c) processing said stimulus and said myoelectric potential; and
 - (d) correlating said processing results to a physiological function of a peripheral nervous system of said individual.
56. The method of claim 55, further comprising the step of removing a trend from a baseline of said myoelectric potential.
57. The method of claim 56, wherein said removing step comprises the steps of:
- (a) determining a straight line fit of said myoelectric potential; and
 - (b) subtracting said straight line from said myoelectric potential.
58. The method of claim 56, wherein said removing step comprises the steps of:
- (a) detecting a plurality of myoelectric potentials;
 - (b) averaging said plurality of myoelectric potentials; and
 - (c) subtracting said average from each of said plurality of myoelectric potentials.
59. The method of claim 58, further comprising the steps of:
- (a) determining a first derivative for each of said myoelectric potentials, thereby to obtain a plurality of first derivatives;
 - (b) determining a mean of said plurality of first derivatives;
 - (c) determining a statistical distribution of said plurality of first derivatives; and
 - (d) removing from said plurality of myoelectric potentials that are averaged in step (b) of claim 4 any segment of a myoelectric potential of said plurality of myoelectric potentials

that has a first derivative removed by a predetermined factor from said mean of said derivatives.

60. The method of claim 55, further comprising the step of filtering said myoelectric potential.
61. The method of claim 60, wherein said filtering step comprises digitally filtering said myoelectric potential.
62. The method of claim 55, wherein said physiological function comprises a F-wave latency between application of said stimulus and detection of said myoelectric potential and wherein said processing step further comprises the step of determining said F-wave latency and said correlating step further comprises the step of producing an indicia of said F-wave latency.
63. The method of claim 62, wherein said step of determining a F-wave latency comprises the steps of:
 - (a) detecting an F-wave response signal in said myoelectric potential;
 - (b) determining a maximum peak of said F-wave response signal;
 - (c) identifying a first minimum peak and a second minimum peak of said F-wave response signal, both of said first and second minimum peaks being adjacent said maximum peak of said F-wave response signal;
 - (e) determining an amplitude of said maximum peak of said F-wave response signal to one of said first and second minimum peaks of said F-wave response signal;
 - (f) determining a noise dependent threshold;
 - (g) comparing said amplitude to said noise dependent threshold; and
 - (h) determining a F-wave latency when said amplitude is greater than or equal to said noise dependent threshold.
64. The method of claim 63, wherein said step of determining a maximum peak of said F-wave response signal comprises determining a portion of said myoelectric potential for which a first derivative of said myoelectric potential is equal to zero.
65. The method of claim 63, wherein said step of identifying first and second minimum peaks of said F-wave response signal comprises determining a portion of said myoelectric potential for which a first derivative of said myoelectric potential is equal to zero.

66. The method of claim 63, wherein said step of determining a noise dependent threshold comprises the steps of:
 - (a) determining a level of noise after detecting said myoelectric potential; and
 - (b) multiplying said level of noise by a predetermined factor.
67. The method of claim 63, wherein said step of determining a noise dependent threshold, comprises the steps of:
 - (a) determining a level of noise before detecting said myoelectric potential; and
 - (b) multiplying said level of noise by a predetermined factor.
68. The method of claim 63, wherein said step of determining a F-wave latency comprises the step of identifying an inflection of said myoelectric potential, said inflection preceding said maximum peak of said F-wave response signal.
69. The method of claim 68, wherein said inflection comprises a point on said myoelectric potential having a first derivative less than or equal to zero.
70. The method of claim 68, wherein said inflection comprises a minimum peak of a first derivative of said myoelectric potential.
71. The method of claim 63, further comprising the step of processing atypical waveform shapes in said F-wave response signal.
72. The method of claim 71, wherein said step of processing atypical waveform shapes comprises the steps of:
 - (a) determining a location of a minimum peak of said F-wave response signal;
 - (b) inverting said F-wave response signal; and
 - (c) assigning a maximum peak of said inverted F-wave response signal to said location of said minimum peak of said F-wave response signal.
73. The method of claim 63, further comprising the step of confirming said F-wave latency.
74. The method of claim 73, wherein said step of confirming said F-wave latency comprises the steps of:

- (a) determining a first derivative of said myoelectric potential at a plurality of points within a first time period preceding said F-wave latency, thereby obtaining a plurality of first derivatives within said first time period;
- (b) averaging said plurality of first derivatives within said first time period; and
- (c) comparing said average with a maximum peak and a minimum peak of said F-wave response signal in a second time period following said F-wave latency.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-54 have been canceled and new claims 55-74 have been added prior to calculating the filing fee for this 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) continuation application. Upon entry of this paper, claims 55-74 are pending in this application.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the specification and claims be entered prior to examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING APPLICATION

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I, Mark J. Pandiscio, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified pending prior application Serial No. 09/625,502 filed 07/26/2000, and that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 09/625,502 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 09/625,502 introduced new matter therein.

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Sworn to before me this 30th day of APRIL, 2002

Michael G. Pandiscio
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